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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	Small, et al.		
Serial No.:	To be assigned	Art Unit:	1765
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For:	CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING COMPOSITION AND PROCESS	Attorney Docket No:	8317-211-999

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with the initial filing of this application. Pursuant to Rule 1.115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits.

Amendments to the specification are reflected on page 2 of the Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are in the listings of claims, which begins on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Preliminary Amendment.